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SUBJECT: MINJUSTICE TANAKA DIET STATEMENTS ABOUT KIM TAE-CHUNG
CASE

1. JUSTICE MINISTER ISAJI TANAKA, IN UPPER HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SESSION AUGUST 28, CRITICIZED ROK PROTEST SATURDAY ABOUT JAPANESE PRESS HANDLING AND DIET DEBATE OF KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE AS FLAGRANT INTERFERENCE IN JAPANESE PARLIAMENT. IN EARLIER DIET COMMITTEE SESSION, MINJUSTICE EXPRESSED IMPRESSION THAT INTELLIGENCE AGENTS OF QTE CERTAIN COUNTRY UNQTE WERE INVOLVED IN KIM ABDUCTION, LEAVING LITTLE DOUBT THAT HE HAD ROK IN MIND.

2. IN UPPER HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SESSION, FONMIN OHIRA TRIED TO SMOOTH OVER THIS DELICATE ISSUE WITH STATEMENT THAT ROK REPRESENTATION WAS NOT INTENDED AS CRITICISM OF PRESS AND DIET HANDLING OF KIM CASE, BUT RATHER SOUGHT ONLY TO REAFFIRM THAT NO ROK EMBASSY, CONSULATE GENERAL OR CONSULATE PERSONNEL IN JAPAN WERE INVOLVED IN CASE. NEVERTHELESS, OHIRA ADMITTED THAT HE DID NOT CONSIDER
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THE ROK PROTEST APPROPRIATE.

3. IN LOWER HOUSE LOCAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MIKIO
TAKAHASHI, DIRECTOR GENERAL, NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY, DENIED
ANY KNOWLEDGE OF POLICE SUSPICION THAT INTELLIGENCE AGENTS
OF QTE CERTAIN COUNTRY UNQTE INVOLVED, IN FURTHER ATTEMPT IN
CONCERTED EFFORT TO DOWNPLAY MINJUSTICE STATEMENT.

4. IN UPPER HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE AUG 28 YOSUKE NAKAE,
COULSELOR, ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU, MOFA, VIRTUALLY
RETRACTED EARLIER FOREIGN MINISTRY PROMISE
TO SUBMIT PAPER ON ROK EMBASSY PERSONNEL IN TOKYO CONSIDERED
TO BE KCIA AGENTS. NAKAE DENIED
THAT MOFA HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE
OF NUMBER OR NAMES OF SUCH PERSONNEL.
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